

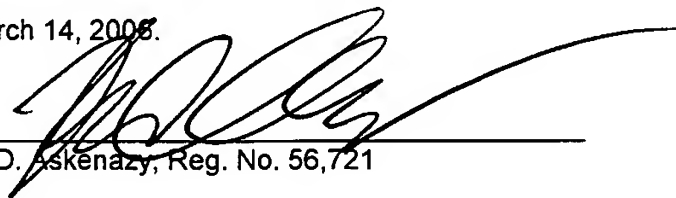


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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper constitutes a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114, Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the finality of the Office Action dated October 14, 2005 be withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. In response to the Office Action of October 14, 2005, and to the Advisory Action of January, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.